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Date: June 16, 2016

Re: Announcement Number EPA-R1-SNEP-2016: Southeast New England Program for Coastal Watershed Restoration Grant Program

Dear Brian:

Thank you for your full proposal submission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in response to the 2016 Southeast New England Program Grant Program. I am pleased to inform you that the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth proposal has been selected to submit a formal application for funding under the announcement: EPA-R1-SNEP-2016: Southeast New England Program for Coastal Watershed Restoration.

This letter is not an official notification of an award - only the EPA Region 1 Grants Unit can make an official award offer. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the status of your application and to provide you with additional information regarding the next steps in the process. Please keep a copy of this letter for your reference.

EPA invited 24 applicants to submit full proposals based on the merits of 50 initial proposal submissions. We are eager to work with you in receiving your final application for this project. We will be scheduling a conference call within the next week to ten days with all of the successful applicants to ensure you fully understand requirements for your work plan and budget, the terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement, documentation, and any questions you may have concerning the process. In the meantime, you may contact your project officer Karen (Simpson) Baird at 617-918-1672, or by e-mail at Simpson.Karen@epa.gov. Please be advised that all final paperwork and forms must be submitted and complete to EPA by July 1, 2016 to allow for processing of awards.

Please note that the award will be official and final only after these steps: approval of your final application and workplan and a notice of award issued by the EPA Award Official. Your organization's acceptance of the award is confirmed by either: 1) drawing down funds within 21 days after the EPA award mailing date; or 2) not filing a notice of disagreement with the award terms and conditions within 21 days after the EPA award mailing date. Additionally, EPA reserves the right to make additional awards under this announcement consistent with Agency policy if additional funding becomes available after the original selection decisions. Any additional selections for awards will be made no later than six months after the original selection decisions.

EPA will also be hosting a public event with EPA Regional Administrator Curt Spalding to announce the recipients of the awards in September 2016. We ask that you please refrain from any announcements of your own until after that event.

Congratulations and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Johanna M. Hunter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Johanna M. Hunter
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